

Please add the following new claims:

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16. (New) A component, comprising:
a wear-resistant layer applied to a surface of the component to be protected,
the surface being subjected to at least one of a mechanical load and a fluidic load,
the layer including at least one of amorphous metals and amorphous-nanocrystalline
metals, the layer including at least one rare earth metal, a transition metal and at
least one of a Cu-Al-Ti alloy, a Cu-Al-Ta alloy, a Cu-Al-Zr alloy, a Pt-Al-Si alloy and a
Ta-Si-N alloy.

17. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the transition metal
includes one of Cu, Ni and Co.

18. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the layer is applied
to the surface by electrodeposition.

19. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the layer is applied
to the surface from a melt.

20. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the layer is applied
to the surface by a PVD process.

21. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the layer is applied
to the surface by thermal spraying.

22. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the component
includes a component of an internal-combustion engine.

23. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the component
includes a component of a gas turbine around which one of a gas and a hot gas
flow.

24. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the component
includes a blade of a gas turbine, the surface corresponding to at least a portion of a
root of the blade, the layer being configured to protect against fretting.

25. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the component is formed of a fiber-reinforced plastic.

26. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the component includes at least one of a fiber-reinforced plastic blade and a support configured as one of a disc and a ring of an integrally bladed fiber-reinforced plastic rotor, the at least one of the blade and the support including the surface, the layer being configured to protect against at least one of erosion and corrosion.

27. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the layer is metallic.

28. (New) The component according to claim 27, wherein the layer further includes one of a Ti alloy, a Ni alloy, a Co alloy and a Fe alloy.

29. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the component includes a tire of a rail-borne vehicle, the tire including the surface.

30. (New) The component according to claim 16, wherein the component includes a component of a reciprocating engine, the component of the reciprocating engine including the surface.

31. (New) The component according to claim 30, wherein the component of the reciprocating includes one of a valve, a camshaft, a crankshaft, a piston ring and a piston pin.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1 to 16 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/04017. This Preliminary Amendment further cancels, without prejudice, claims 1 to 15 in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report and adds new claims 16 to 31. The new claims, inter alia, conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add any new matter to the application.